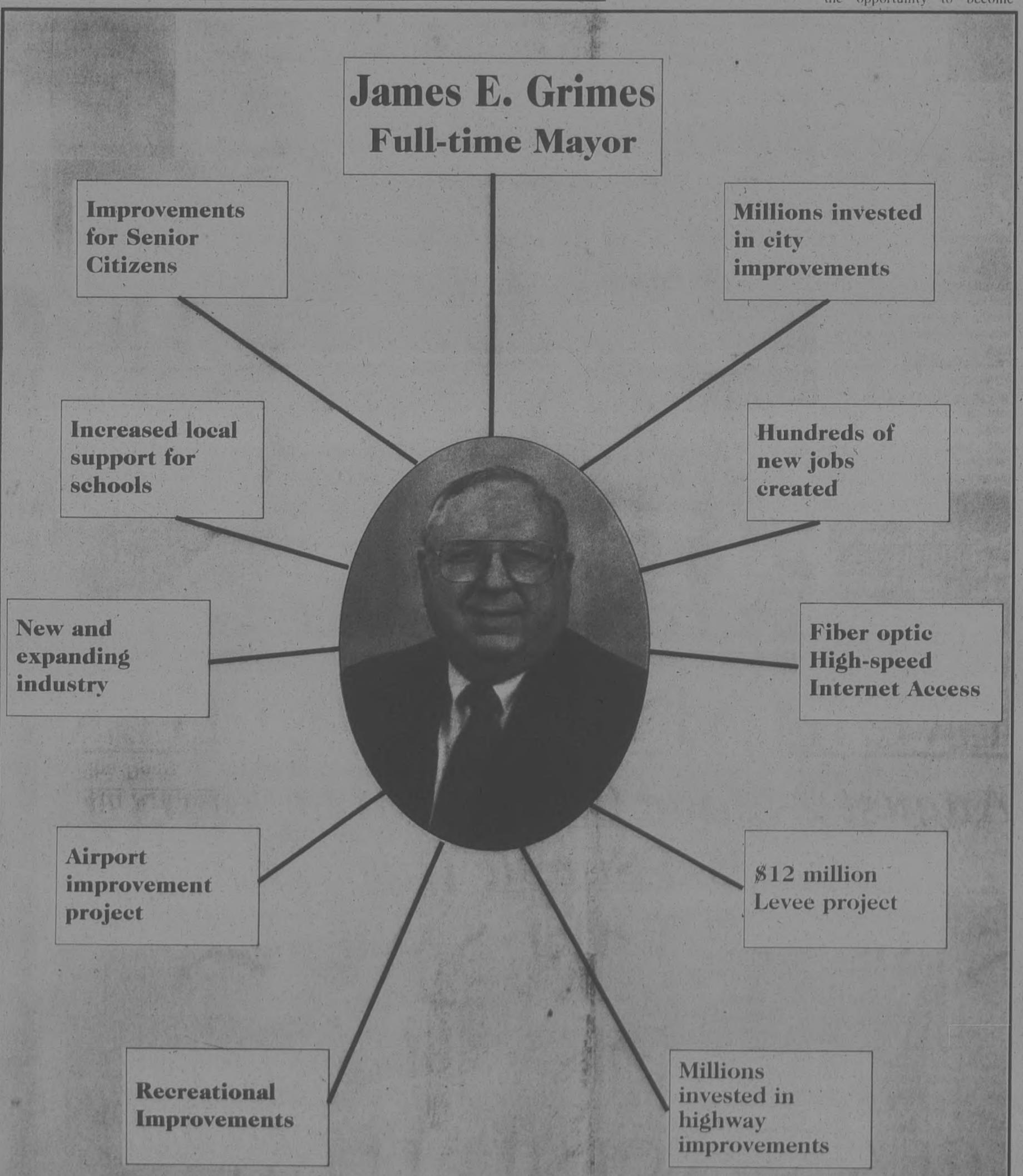


# COMMUNITY NEWS



**WHAT A MILESTONE!** Mrs. Zadie Bouyer, a resident of the Elba Nursing Home, certainly had plenty to celebrate Tuesday, July 27, 2004 as she turned 100 years-old. In honor of this wonderful occasion, the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home hosted a birthday party for Mrs. Bouyer. Joining the "birthday girl" for the party were her daughter, Chris Jacobs; granddaughter, Judy Irvin; close friends and neighbors, Allene Lee and Mary Kelley; and many other friends. Also attending the party were 35 residents of the nursing home. Everyone enjoyed refreshments including birthday cake and chips.

**4th Annual Foggy Bottom Classic**  
Elba Tigers vs. Highland Home Flying Squadron  
Thursday, Aug. 19th • Miller Memorial Stadium • Kickoff 7 p.m.



One of our most precious freedoms is the freedom to vote for the candidate of our choice. During the past few weeks I have met most of you as I have gone from door to door soliciting your vote for Mayor of Elba. I appreciate the many kindnesses extended to me and my family. I realize that I have been unable to see all of the citizens, so if I have missed you, please let me take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support on August 24th. I want to be a positive voice for all the citizens of our great city, and with your vote, we can make it happen.

Pg. Pol. Adv. by James E. Grimes, P.O. Box 651, Elba, AL 36323

## New laws bring changes in motor vehicle registration procedures, Jan. 1, 2005

Recent legislation passed during the 2004 Regular Session makes some sweeping changes in Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws, effective Jan. 1, 2005, specifically relating to prorated registration fees and vehicle registration expiration periods, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR).

Under current law, a vehicle owner is allowed to prorate the vehicle's registration renewal fees by submitting a non-use affidavit to the county plate issuing official if the vehicle is out of service at the end of the owner's 12-month registration period. Act 2004-292 eliminates the prorated fee provision for all vehicles except motor homes, farm trucks and newly-acquired vehicles, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

The ADOR advises commercial and private vehicle owners to pay special attention to the prorated fee provision. Other than the exceptions noted, owners whose vehicles are out of service at the time of their registration renewal month and who wait until after Jan. 1, 2005 to register their vehicles will be charged fees for the full 12-month registration year, plus delinquent penalties and interest. Act 2004-292 pro-

hibits the proration of registration fees, beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Another important change, according to the ADOR, involves renewing their license plates as they do now," explained State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtess. "Vehicle owners will see changes in their vehicle's renewal month or in the amount of registration fees paid over their 12-month registration period; they will only note a change in their registration periods as shown on their motor vehicle registration receipts."

According to the ADOR, these changes bring Alabama's motor vehicle registration expiration and renewal periods more in line with other states and provide for more uniformity among state motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies.

For more information concerning Alabama's motor vehicle registration requirements, contact the department's Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.

## USDA Rural Development offers no down payment home loans

Families and individuals in Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties have the opportunity to become

homeowners through USDA Rural Development's homeownership program. USDA Rural Development's Direct Loan Program is available to qualifying applicants in rural areas to purchase an existing home, construct a new home or to make improvements to an existing home.

"USDA Rural Development's home loan program is a vital part of President Bush's efforts to grow homeownership while creating jobs and stimulating the economy," said Steve Pelham, state director of USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development is proud to play a key role in the record setting housing market that has flourished during the past three years. Home ownership is the best available tool for most Americans to build wealth, provide security for their family and become a vested partner in their community."

Typically, no down payment is required and the applicant can borrow up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property. Based upon the applicant's household income, some loans have an interest rate as low as one percent. Income limits vary from county to county and are based on the number of people in the household and the median income for the county.

The property to be purchased must be located in a rural area, which includes all of Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties and all of Dale County except for areas in and around Napier Field, said Grimes. Additional eligibility requirements include having an acceptable credit record and adequate income to repay the housing loan plus other living expenses.

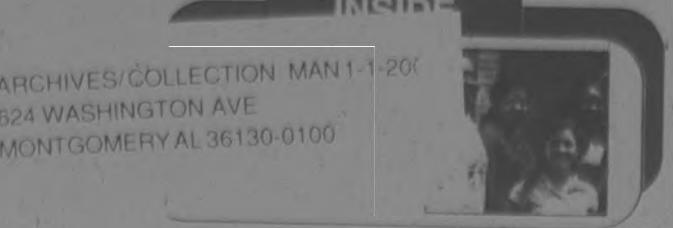
The USDA Rural Development office serving Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties is located in Ozark. For more information on USDA Rural Development's homeownership programs, call the Ozark office at (334) 774-4926, ext. 4.

## ABTT searching for oldest restaurants

The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel is searching for the oldest restaurants in the state. ABTT is also looking for any restaurant, regardless of how long it has been in business, which is located within a historic home or historic building. Anyone with information about possible restaurants to include in the two lists should contact ABTT at 1-800-4-ALABAMA.

"We are building a list, one for the oldest restaurant and one for restaurants in old, historic buildings," said Lee Sentell, director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel. "We have identified a dozen restaurants that have met the 50-year mark," he said, "but we want to make sure we have done an exhaustive search."

He said the agency would break the list into three timeframes: 25 years or more, 50 years or more, and 75 years or more. He said the agency is compiling the information to post on its Web site, www.800Alabama.com.



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## Grimes elected to thi

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Registered voters within the City of Elba let their choice be known Tuesday, Aug. 24, as the city held its municipal elections.

Offices up for election included mayor, city councilman for district one, city councilman for district two and city councilman

for district three.

The closest race found two

incumbent, James Grimes

and Randy Bedsole.

A total of 1,127 unofficial votes were cast in this race with Grimes receiving the majority at 644. Bedsole received 483 total votes.

Of the three city council dis-

tricts

80 votes.

Former Mayor Mike McKeever

received the nod with 114

votes. Incumbent

H.H. "Junior" Culver

received 101 votes.

The newly elected officials

will take office

in October. Grimes, Hooks,

Bedsole and McKeever

were 250 votes cast in this district race.

James Grimes received 98

votes.

The closest race of the day

was that of city council

district three with

only 13 votes

separating the

David Bandstra

two candidates;

however, it was political new-

Spicer and Hammond already declared winners in their districts since neither had any opposition.

The following is a breakdown of the mayor's race by districts:

**District One** James Grimes ..... 87

Randy Bedsole ..... 158

**District Two** James Grimes ..... 239

Randy Bedsole ..... 94

**District Three** James Grimes ..... 122

Randy Bedsole ..... 36

**District Four** James Grimes ..... 85

Randy Bedsole ..... 94

**District Five** James Grimes ..... 54

Randy Bedsole ..... 85

**Absentee Ballots** James Grimes ..... 17

Randy Bedsole ..... 8

## Several citizens ask Elba City Council to reconsider ballpark idea for Smith Avenue

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard "not in my back yard" complaints at the Monday night meeting.

Former Elba Mayor Fred Moore led a group of five people who were protesting the vote at a previous council meeting to seek a grant to build some public ball parks on Smith Avenue. The group selected is property the city council used as part of the buyout program, following the flood of 1998.

Moore opened his presentation with a promise to the council that he wasn't at the meeting to raise sand.

He explained that he had read in the newspaper that the council was applying for a grant to build a ballpark on Smith Avenue. He said this would be 125 feet from his front door and it would add lots of traffic and trash to the area. Moore asked the council to disapprove the location.

He added that he was in favor of the ball parks, but not that location. With Smith Avenue

now being a dead end street, he felt park visitors could only park in the streets and feels it would cause area residents to have problems getting in and out from their homes. Moore was also concerned that more teenagers in the area would increase the incidents of vandalism.

He also noted that he and his wife were getting older and didn't need to be kept awake by noise from those at the ballpark.

Rory Daughtry also addressed the council on this issue. He owns adjoining property, works shift work and felt this would prevent him from getting the necessary sleep. Daughtry also added that with the additional people in the area, "things will start to be missing from homes." He said, "the neighborhood is nice and quiet but bring in outsiders and we don't know what will happen."

Moore suggested the council look at several other sites including the Mulberry Park area, near the old schools or at the existing Hawkins-Williams complex. He noted

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## Coffee County Commission hears budget requests

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Bill Dean, treasurer for the CCEMS Inc. board, addressed commissioners and said he wanted to update commissioners on the organization's current status and make a budget request.

Dean said the non-profit organization of CCEMS Inc. took over operations of the local ambulance service located in

Elba on Nov. 1, 2003. Before that time, the operation was a privately owned for-profit business.

"When we took over, we had no cash...we had nothing," Dean said. "We knew we could not operate as the business had in the past, so, we started cutting expenses."

For some time now, Dean said the organization has been able to operate at a break even mode. He said this is something the organization would not have been able to do without the help of the City of Elba, Coffee County Commission and private donors.

Dean especially thanked commissioners for a \$6,000 donation it made to help the organization purchase software for billing. He said being able to do the billing in-house has cut several thousand dollars in yearly expenses.

Through the various cuts made by the organization's board, Dean said CCEMS is at this time able to handle its monthly expenses; however, board members believe the upcoming year will reveal increases in fuel, insurance and other related expenses that will require additional funding.

Therefore, he asked commissioners to consider increasing its monthly financial support for ambulance service for county residents by 6 percent. He said this will bring the county's cost

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## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA/TROY UNIVERSITY CLUB** will hold its annual membership meeting Thursday night, August 26 (tonight), at 6:30 p.m. at Elba Country Club. Food, refreshments, door prizes and fun for all. All members and friends of TSU are urged to attend.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOEPL)** will host a program entitled, "Introduction to the Alabama Virtual Library." Thursday, Aug. 26 (tonight), at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Public Library.

**THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** will begin Friday, Aug. 27, with all local teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Brundidge to take on the Bulldogs, the New Brock Gamecocks will travel to Zion Chapel to meet the Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Union Springs to meet the Bullock County Hornets.

**THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE** in Ozark will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

**WAREGRASS HOSPICE INC.** will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizen's Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Catrina Arnold at 347-3353.



**HERE COME THE TIGERS**...Elba football players, coaches, cheerleaders, band members and fans made an annual trip down memory lane last Thursday evening, Aug. 19, when the Elba Tigers played host to the Highland Home Flying Squadron for the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic at Miller Memorial Stadium. Although "foggy bottom" continues to have a special place in the heart for many Elba supporters, it has not been the home of the Elba Tigers since the end of the 1992 football season. Instead, the stadium now is used mostly for recreation league football games. However, last Thursday evening's pre-season game marked the fourth year in a row Elba supporters have returned to "the foggy bottom" for another Tiger showdown, and the game certainly lived up to the reputation of the past as the Tigers and Flying Squadron kept everyone excited until the very end.

## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS With Ferrin Cox

We recently read a report of an upcoming election in a community - somewhere (it could be anywhere). An individual was being critical of a local candidate or something like that, normal stuff for political campaigns. Another person spoke up and pointed out that this candidate was offering to serve the community if the voters wanted him (or it might have been her). That statement was immediately followed by the question, 'What have you done for the community?' and it was a good point for all of us to remember. While we personally have no intentions, nor desire, to ever see our name on a ballot, there is deep appreciation to those who are willing to do so. It helps preserve our cherished American way. We salute each of the ten local citizens who placed their names on the ballot for the Elba municipal elections of 2004.

A couple of weeks ago the California Supreme Court struck down some same sex marriages performed in San Francisco, licensed there with the mayor's blessing. The court ruled that the actions violated the California constitution. To the credit of that mayor, he quickly announced he would accept the ruling of the court even though he disagrees with the law. Our thoughts instantly went to former Alabama Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore who stood up and said he would not obey a higher court ruling. Moore was removed from office and the San Francisco mayor is not only still in office but also won support from both sides of the same sex marriage issue for the way he is obeying the law. Oh, he has not abandoned his position, but is obeying the court ruling while steadily working to get the state law changed. Judge Moore says he is working to get the Ten Commandments law changed on the federal level, but he must do it from the outside due to his earlier open defiance of the federal courts.

Things at our house have been on the upbeat recently, even higher than usual. The two young grandchildren and their mother Penny were here over the weekend a couple of weeks ago while son Chris was drilling with the National Guard. Then our "baby" Eric was here last Friday night. That was followed by daughter Michele being with us Saturday night and Sunday. Things can get much better than that. We love them all, as proud parents are prone to do, and the way they were here, each got our undivided attention. Oh yes, Heddy and I celebrated (or maybe observed is a more accurate description) our 41st wedding anniversary Monday - working long after everyone else had gone home for the day. Yeah, yeah, I was a cradle-rober - but thank goodness the laws were a bit more understanding about such things 41 years ago. Seriously, we are humbly grateful for the option to be physically and mentally able to still be working. Ain't life grand!

There is a national battle of words going on in the race for president of the United States. A group of Vietnam vets is spending big bucks to discredit Democratic challenger John Kerry while the Kerry camp is denying the claims and calling it more of President Bush's mud-slinging. Apparently there is some dingy water on both sides of that issue, with both sides playing loose with the truth. We think it all springs from Kerry's coming home from the war and publicly bad-mouthing his fellow Americans in Vietnam. The opinions of him are comparable to the thoughts these strong American supporters have of Jane Fonda and her trip to Hanoi right in the middle of that war. She is still largely unforgiven for her antics during that era, in spite of repeated public apologies. Then you add in the old saying, "The more you stir manure, the more it stinks" and Americans can all resign ourselves to know it will get worse before election day in November. Oh, we got a phone call from Philadelphia, PA Tuesday morning and our long-time Democrat caller is convinced that Kerry will be the ultimate winner.

Alabama Governor Bob Riley announced Tuesday that another automobile industry supplier is opening a plant in Alabama, this one in North Alabama. It is unknown just how long this great movement of car makers moving to the South will last, but apparently when the folks at Elba's Toledo Molding and Die decided the South would be the place to be in the auto industry, they knew what they were talking about.

Governor Riley is also meeting with military types in an effort to effect any action to close Alabama military bases in the upcoming 2005 Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) in which the U.S. Department of Defense is expected to close up to 25 percent of the nation's military bases. We hope he is successful, but people need to remember that folks in the other 49 states are doing the same thing. Probably that 25 percent number of bases on U. S. soil will be reduced since the president has announced plans to reassign a whole bunch of troops stationed in foreign countries and military needs are changing and maturing from a "human body" to fancy arms type combat planning.

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### Importance of our water resources... Editorial by John Harrison

Few of us spend much time thinking about our water supply until there's not enough of it. That's when all of us become keenly aware of the limitations - and the importance - of our water resources.

Alabama is blessed with more than 77,000 miles of rivers and streams. No other state has more miles of a navigable waterways. We are also fortunate to have access to multiple ground water aquifers that supply many of our communities, businesses and citizens with water. All of this may seem like enough to meet our needs forever, but the truth is our water resources are limited. We must take action to protect Alabama's water for our selves and future generations.

Population growth, economic development and recurring droughts are increasingly stressing water resources not only for Alabama but many Southeastern states. In the late 1980s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made plans to steer water to the growing metro-

Atlanta region at the expense of Alabama. To protect our water resources for our own growing needs, Alabama objected to Georgia's actions through a court case against the Corps of Engineers. Alabama's action has led to a series of discussions and negotiations between our state, Georgia and Florida that have become common referred to as the "water war".

When Governor Riley came into office in January 2003, he made resolving the water wars a priority of his administration. At that time, negotiations between the three states had essentially halted and were close to collapse. Governor Riley gave the issue a renewed focus and initiated the first of several face-to-face meetings between the three governors.

Now, Governor Riley is prepared to take broader action to protect and preserve the water that is so important to our state's growth and our quality of life. Part of this effort will continue

to involve the protection of Alabama's interests in the water wars. The state is working earnestly with Georgia on the looming July 31 deadline for an agreement on the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin Compact. A draft agreement between our two states was submitted for public comment last year. Based on the comments received, there is a draft compact that is awaiting final approval. This means we must continually promote the wise use of our natural resources and encourage the development of new sources of water.

These efforts require extensive coordination and cooperation among a broad range of people and organizations. The Office of Water Resources in DECA is leading the effort in addressing these matters on behalf of the state.

Over the past several years we have made great strides in protecting our water. Now we will broaden these efforts to preserve the water resources that are so vital to Alabama's future.

John Harrison is the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, investigated the following incidents: One two-vehicle wreck reported in front of Gene's Auto Sales (4:50 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 17 - River stage - 6.39 feet (6:35 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18 - River stage - 6.20 feet (6:37 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1228 Jones Circle (7:43 a.m.); Private property accident reported at Mr. Henry's (10:15 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1404 S. Reese Ave. (10:28 p.m.); Prowler reported at 15299 Hwy. 87 S. (11:54 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 19 - River stage - 5.40 feet (6:48 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20 - River stage - 4.61 feet (7:00 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons and Factory streets (11:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 570 - County Rd. 661 (11:20 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 21 - River stage - 3.81 feet (7:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 722 Roosevelt Dr. (1:40 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Russell St. (6:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1848 County Rd. 119 (11:20 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUG. 22 - Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 1716 Martin Luther King Dr. (8:03 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (10:43 p.m.).

MONDAY, AUG. 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 201

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS  
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TO REPORT A CRIME  
REMAIN  
ANONYMOUS

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• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall - 1st & 3rd Mondays - 6:30 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday evenings - 6:30 p.m. City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church - 2nd & 4th Mondays

• GRIEV SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church on side on W. Davis St. - Greater Grace Church

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 1st & 3rd Mondays - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays - 7:30 p.m. Inn. Enterprise

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Vanderbilt Holiness Church's Gospel Singing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, August 28, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The featured group will be "Messiah's Messengers Quartet" from Freeport, Florida. This group was recently chosen as a finalist in a national Christian music talent search.

**Gospel Singing to be held at Kiwanis building in Andalusia**

A gospel singing will be held August 26 at 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building, Andalusia, Ala. Concessions are provided by The South Church of God.

The gospel singing will feature:

**Church of God of Prophecy to host Farewell & Appreciation Service for the Wesleys**

The Church of God of Prophecy of Elba, Ala. cordially invites all family and friends to a Farewell and Appreciation Service, Luncheon and Afternoon Singing for Bishop J.E. Wesley and First Lady.

This event will take place

**September is "Open House Month" at Ham Chapel United Methodist Church**

September is "Open House Month" in the United Methodist Church. The Ham Chapel United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship as they celebrate the theme "Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors." Worship is at 8:45 a.m. and we will be glad for you to join us anytime. For more information call 897-2219.

**September is "Open House Month" at Elba United Methodist Church**

September is "Open House Month" in the United Methodist Church. The Elba United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship as they celebrate the theme of "Open hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors." Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. and worship service is at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Children's Choir and Program is at 4:30 p.m. and the Youth Choir

**WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!**

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Don Grantham  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Richard Chorn, Sr. Pastor  
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERT'S BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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# SCHOOLS



## Brantley Bulldogs ready to open season Friday night

by Jeremy Dorsey

On Aug. 2, thirty-six players suited up to start the 2004 Brantley football season.

The team is led by 11 seniors: Davaris Skanes, Antwan Foster, Rashad Daniels, Jeremy Dorsey, Josh Burnett, Zack Kilcrease, Lance Morgan, Lance Myers, Jeremy McCann, Daniel Gulley and Joshua Rayborn.

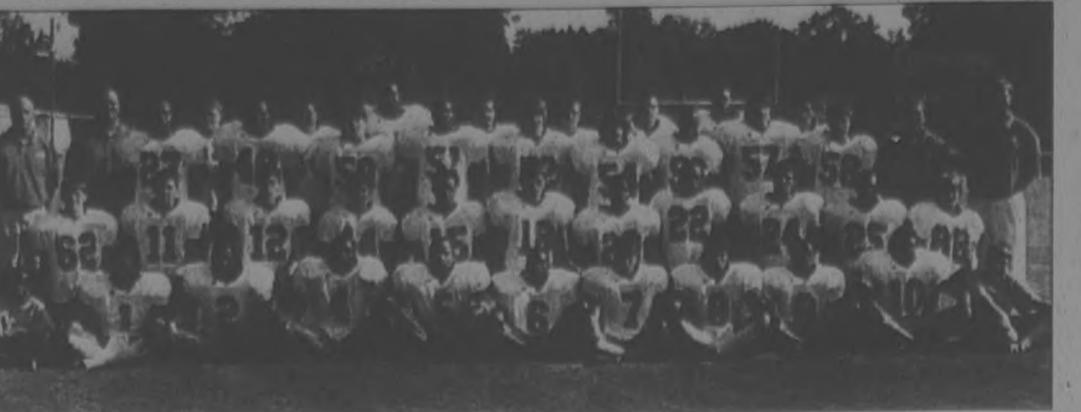
The team has sweated and trained hard to perfect their plays and will do whatever it takes to bring home a state championship.

The season kicks off Friday,

Aug. 27, against Elba.

**2004 Football Schedule:**

- Sept. 3 • Goshen (away)
- Sept. 10 • Zion Chapel (home)
- Sept. 17 • Armiton (away)
- Sept. 24 • Highland Home (away)
- Oct. 1 • Kinston (home)
- Oct. 8 • Florida (away)
- Oct. 15 • Pleasant Home (home)
- Oct. 22 • McKenzie (home - Homecoming)
- Oct. 29 • Laverne (home)



2004 Brantley Bulldogs

Head Coach David Lowery  
A few of the senior Bulldog players

## BHS yearbook staff hard at work

by Amber Dates

The Brantley yearbook staff is getting started early this year, and the goal is to have a bigger and better yearbook by selling more ads and raising more money.

Last year was the first time in three years that Brantley had a yearbook. This year there will be a scheduled class period to work on the yearbook, and with the help of sponsor Debbie Hall, Brantley should continue to have a yearbook for many years to come.

The members of the yearbook

staff for the 2004-05 school year consist of Emily Cain, Rashad Daniels, Amber Dates, Laken Dean, Jeremy Dorsey, Dusty Dunn, Destin Kilcrease, Shantea King, Brittany Walker, and Jody Warrick.

Prices for ads in the Brantley yearbook will be: \$45 for a business card, \$75 for a quarter of a page, \$125 for a half of a page, and \$175 for a whole page.

For more information or purchasing an ad in the Brantley yearbook should contact Debbie Hall at Brantley School (527-8879).



**SUPPORT THE BULLDOGS WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE GAMES!!!**

**WELCOME TO BRANTLEY SCHOOLS...** Student body president Rashad Daniels (left) joins Brantley principal Wavlon Bush (center) and superintendent Kathi Wallace (right) in welcoming everyone to Brantley Schools. They hope everyone enjoys learning more about the school, students and staff through the "From the Dog Pound" news page.

by Shane Haws

## BHS welcomes new teacher

by Rashad Daniels

Rita Anderson is a new teacher at Brantley High School.

Anderson graduated from Troy University with a major in biology. She is married to Michael Anderson who teaches science at Goshen High School and is the head baseball and a football coach.

When asked how it feels being a first year teacher, she said, "At first it was sort of scary because I didn't know what to expect, but then I got used to it."

Her only other response was, "GO BULLDOGS!"

When asked how her experience has been so far at

Brantley, Anderson said, "Well, the teachers are really nice and the students are also, but at times, the students can get out of hand. I think it is because I'm the new teacher."

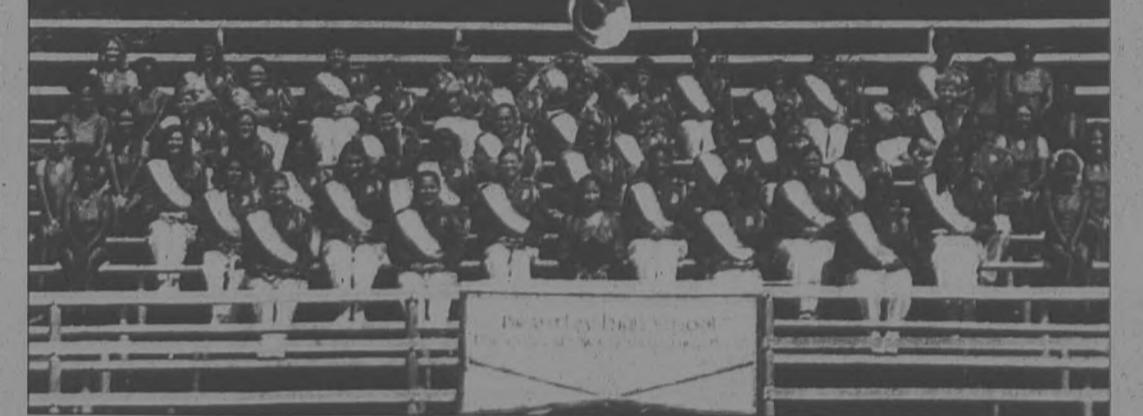
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Mrs. Kelly said Desin is a wonderful leader with a great attitude! She is also very hard-working, dedicated and responsible.

Congratulations, Destin, and keep up the great work!

by Shane Haws

**Brantley High School's "Emerald Wave" ready for marching season**



2004 Brantley High School Emerald Wave Marching Band

cussion; and Robbie Chappell, percussion.

The band's first halftime performance will consist of an original opener entitled, "Spiritfire," more commonly known as the Brantley High School fight song.

The band will participate in Trojan band day on Oct. 2, and will also sponsor a barbecue supper on Oct. 7 to raise money for the cleaning of uniforms.

by Kristi Spinks

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REPORT TO THE OFFICE...School secretary Ms. Alfreda Wiley is shown hard at work.

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The theme for Brantley Elementary this year is "Catch the Learning Wave!" Here are the teacher posing in their learning wave t-shirts.

about entering high school? "Getting pushed around and getting beat up by seniors." - Jo-jo McBride

How is high school different from elementary school? "You get more freedom." - Jason Allen

How does it feel to be the youngest students in the school again? "It's really weird because last year we were the oldest; now we're the youngest." - Jonathon Farmer

What do you like the most about Elba High School? "The lunches." - Ethan Carpenter

What was your biggest fear

# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
Kayla Kelley

## Elba hopes new coach will reenergize Tiger football

by Duke Carr

With only two winning seasons in the last nine years, there has been little expectation that the Elba Tigers could reestablish their supremacy in the football rankings. Diminishing attendance and a lack of players' wanting to participate have left little, if any, hope that Elba could get back to being the dominating powerhouse it was in the late 80s and early 90s.

All that is about to change this year. Elba has a new coach with a new plan.

Most people view Coach Scott Rials as a fresh start.

"You can't change the past, you can only look to the future," Rials said. "If we continue to work hard and keep focus, winning will take care of itself."

Behind Coach Rials comes a new spread offense with a completely different coaching style.

In the past, Elba ran the pro offense formation which gave only certain people a chance to show their athletic ability. The new spread offense gives a chance for everybody to be involved.

"The players are really excited," Rials said. "It's a good

opportunity for every player to be involved to work together, we could be a potential threat to a lot of good teams."

With a core of talented young athletes, many expectations have been put onto the shoulders of the Elba Tigers. Can Elba live up to their previous legacy?

Junior quarterback Brandon Kelley seems to think so.

"I feel like we can win with this different type of offense," Kelley said. "I think Coach Rials has a great chance of taking us to the playoffs and maybe even to the championship."

Even the coaches are excited.

"I really have enjoyed working with Coach Rials this season," said Coach Wynn Grimes. "He has got a great workout program and we are all expecting great things this season."

Mrs. Rials attended Highland Home High School, where she做得很好。

for the first time in many years the buzz around "Tigertown" is surrounding a fresh start that many believe is just what the Elba Tigers need to reclaim their dominance. Beware...the tigers are returning!

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Ashley is a junior at EHS and is employed at Toledo Molding and Die where she has worked since June. She is currently the receptionist, and when asked what she enjoyed most about her job, she replied, "It provides a good working experience and the ability to meet new people."

After high school, Ashley plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in law.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ADOR hits one million mark in state business tax filings

Two months shy of its one-year anniversary, the Alabama Department of Revenue's Paperless Business Tax Filing Program hit the 1 million mark in tax filings. Since Oct. 1, 2003, business taxpayers have filed over 1 million sales, use, rental, lodgings, and withholding tax returns electronically, over \$3 billion in tax payments to the state.

"This is indeed impressive," said State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtess. "And everyone involved in the filing process—especially, Alabama's business taxpayers—is commended on making a tremendous transition from a paper-filing environment to an electronic one. We are very pleased with the program's success and its acceptance by taxpayers."

Last October, the ADOR reached a milestone in its customer service efforts, processing capabilities, and operating efficiency levels in the business tax area. Our move to a paperless

filings system has totally changed the way we do business on a daily basis within the ADOR," said Surtess.

The ADOR estimates that it saves approximately one dollar for every return that is electronically filed.

"These are real measurable savings," added Surtess.

Since last October, business taxpayers who file state and state-administered local sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes are required to file these returns electronically. In February 2004, the ADOR expanded its business tax mandatory electronic filing program to include utility gross receipts, utility service use, mobile telecommunications services, pharmaceutical providers, Alabama nursing home privilege, direct pay sales and direct pay motor fuel taxes.

For more information concerning ADOR's electronic filing programs, visit the department's Web site at [www.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us).

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Covington Electric Cooperative send help to south Florida in the continuing effort to restore power after Hurricane Charley

Residents of south Florida are still picking up the pieces after the devastation left by Hurricane Charley on August 13. The Category 4 storm had sustained winds of 145 mph, which caused massive power outages, catastrophic structural damage and loss of life.

One substation is still down because of damaged transmission lines that had not been rebuilt. "We have several circuits that can not be re-energized until we get this substation back up and that could take another week," said Kimbro. "Even when we get the circuits energized, it will take more time to rebuild individual taps to people's homes. The devastation here is astonishing," he said.

Kimbro experienced Hurricane Opal first-hand in 1995 as an employee with Baldwin EMC in Summerville, Ala. "I have been through seven major and minor tropical storms and hurricanes since Opal, and Opal was the most severe. But I've never seen structural and tree damage this far inland before," said Kimbro. "We had 200 tornadoes confirmed in just one county in our service area. Couple that damage with the sustained winds of the hurricane, and it's almost inconceivable. There were sections of large transmission lines that were completely gone because wind, not falling trees, destroyed them," he said.

According to Kimbro, help from PRECO's electric distribution system is coming back together, but the utility gross receipts, utility service use, mobile telecommunications services, pharmaceutical providers, Alabama nursing home privilege, direct pay sales and direct pay motor fuel taxes.

Last November, the ADOR offered a milestone to all Alabama employers filing state income tax withholding returns.

According to the ADOR, business taxpayers can choose to file their taxes electronically.

The tradition of neighbors helping neighbors is alive and well among electric cooperatives nationwide. In times of natural disasters like hurricanes or ice storms, electric co-ops adhere to the principle of Cooperation Among Cooperatives. This principle

is followed by a majority of electric cooperatives across the country. "We have over 600 men here from co-ops in states that include Ohio, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Missouri, Alabama and many more states," said Kimbro. "I can express how grateful we are to PRECO for this assistance."

Also, residents of Dothan and surrounding areas seeking further information regarding rights and responsibilities under Federal employment discrimination laws may be interviewed on Sept. 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Appointments to this program are recommended but not required.

Persons desiring further information regarding the Community Education Forum, individual interviews or Expanded Presence Program, may contact Beverly Hinton, Program Analyst, at 205/212-2028.

The EEOC utilizes Expanded Presence as a means of reaching individuals who reside in underserved areas not within commuting distance of the Birmingham District Office, who, because of their remote locations, are not aware of their rights and responsibilities under federal employment discrimination laws.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, The Age Discrimination in Employment Act, The Equal Pay Act, and The Americans With Disabilities Act.

The public is invited and there is no admission fee.

Nursing Assistant  
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Wiregrass Med Center

LBW Community College - MacArthur Campus is now offering a Nursing Assistant Course in cooperation with Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva. The Fundamentals of Long Term Care Nursing Assistant Course is a three-week course, 98-hour program. Classes meet Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Classes and Clinicals are held on-site at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva. LBW's next Nursing Assistant Course is scheduled to begin during September 2004 at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva. Applications are now being accepted for the Nursing Assistant Course. Class size is limited.

For more information regarding the course, contact the Enterprise Careerlink Office located at 2821 Ross Clark Circle inside the Employment Office in Enterprise or phone (334) 393-3783. Individuals may call collect if needed.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## CITY

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other departments, such as Enterprise, and other department can handle all emergency communications for the other.

He added that he is working on an ADECA grant of \$15,000 to add video cameras to several more patrol cars. This grant will require a 10 percent cash match from the city.

Grimes briefly discussed the current financial statement and pointed out to council members that sales tax income continues to look good. The average of over \$78,447 for the first 10 months of the fiscal year is almost twice the monthly tax income for months and months following the 1998 flood.

Total city income is up but so are total expenses. Total expenses for the first 10 months is \$241,000 above budget estimates. Some of this is in prepaid insurance and note payments, but that prepaid amount is fast dropping as the

year draws to an end.

The council reappointed James Ross, Poole and Paul Morrow to the Elba Airport Authority. Each appointment is for a six year term, and Grimes told council members both had agreed to serve another term.

The mayor told council members that some costly work is going to be necessary at the sewage lagoon. ADEM requirements for tighter monitoring of fecal matter will cost the city from \$10,000 to \$20,000, according to the monitoring method approved for the Elba site. A chlorine system would cost the most, while a chemical shock treatment system would cost about \$10,000 to install and an additional \$100 per month for the chemicals.

Grimes also told council members that a sewer grant application had been turned down. All approved grants scored 257 or above on the

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office is becoming increasingly dependent upon PCs and the Internet to talk with state officials in Montgomery, and the county offices are currently using 7-year-old computers.

"Maybe this is the year we upgrade to higher technology," he said.

Sheriff Ben Moates mentioned several things his budget proposal asks commissioners to consider.

"One thing we've talked about for several years is an expansion of the sheriff's office," Moates said. "It's totally outgrown the facility."

With that said, Dean asked the commission to also consider making a \$6,000 annual commitment for the capital funds budget.

Commissioner chairman Robert Stephens thanked Dean for his presentation and said his requests will be considered at budget time.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns was next to address commissioners. Burns, Probate Judge William Gammill and Sheriff Ben Moates were asked by commissioners to attend the meeting and publicly present their budget requests for Fiscal Year 2005.

For the majority, Burns said his budget requests matched those from FY2004; however, he did point out a major expense requested in regards to the Birmingham District Office, who, because of their remote locations, are not aware of their rights and responsibilities under federal employment discrimination laws.

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Approved a motion to award the bid for annual placement of Bituminous Plant Mix to Bullard Excavating Co. at \$562,802.50.

The next meeting of the County Council will be Monday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Gammill did mention that his

proposal will chart a course for every activity that it takes the people's money for to do, and that it's important to keep the public informed.

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Working as a team with their new physician assistant, Patrick Adair, and anesthesiologist, Dr. Kathy Schwob, who trained with Dr. Brooks at Emory University in Atlanta, the surgeons are partners in Southern Bone and Joint Specialists based in Enterprise. Adds Dr. Brooks, "I feel that with the expertise that Dr. Lett brings with him from his training at the Mayo Clinic along with the outstanding facilities and internal medicine staff we have here in Enterprise, we offer a level of care that is rare for a city of this size."

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Lett are currently accepting new patients at the Enterprise office and can be reached at (334) 308-9797.



**Coffee County Schools hold summer school for students**

The above pictures are from the summer school students' picnic at Donaldson/Henderson park in Enterprise. Cowboy Steve was a special guest at the picnic. He did a rope and whip demonstration and told stories about the old West. He also provided character lessons that can be learned from the life of cowboys.

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I would like to take this time to Thank Everyone who supported me during this election and also for all the kindness, words of encouragement, thoughts and prayers.

I am still a concerned citizen of Elba, Alabama, and will continue to support any and all efforts for the betterment of our town. Once again, my family and I extend our heartfelt gratitude to all that supported me during this election.

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I haven't had the chance to ride with Melanie very many times since she turned fifteen, but over the weekend we headed over to Enterprise and I let her drive while I relaxed and offered some fatherly advice. I tried my best to instill some confidence in her driving skills and did give her a few pointers, but she did really well and I never once even had to threaten to take the wheel. Even though she doesn't turn sixteen until February she's told me she needs her own car to practice driving in, and while I agree, it will be a few months before we even think about car hunting.

### TIGERS LIGHT UP SCOREBOARD AT FOGGY BOTTOM

The Elba Tigers and Highland Home Flying Squadron met last week in the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic, and Miller Memorial Stadium may never be the same as the two 2A clubs combined for 87 points, 766 yards in total offense and put the ball in the air 55 times in what was billed as a pre-season scrimmage. While it was true the game didn't count in the record books, both teams played with intensity for all four quarters and the contest had the feel of a playoff game as a large crowd on hand stood and cheered almost non-stop. One thing for sure, this year's Foggy Bottom Classic was a classic!

New Elba Tiger coach Scott Rials has called his offensive scheme "basketball on grass" and "fast break football," and even though the Tigers had only a couple of weeks to learn the new system, the Rebels can take a giant step toward becoming a winning team if they can find a way to handle the Gamecocks, and while the men from Jack do have a chance, this one will be won in the trenches and the troops from across the county are known for their hand-to-hand combat skills. If the Rebels can get a break or two this one could end in a surprise; however, the Gamecocks may simply be too strong up front...

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### KINSTON VS. BULLOCK COUNTY

The Bulldogs will travel up to Union Springs to open their season



2004 ELBA TIGERS

### Elba Tigers set to invade Brantley Friday night for season opening clash with high-powered Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will kick off the 2004 high school football season Friday night when they travel to Brantley to battle the high-powered Brantley Bulldogs.

The game will be a rematch of last year's season opener, won by the Bulldogs 33-7, and will kick off at 7:00 PM.

"Brantley is rich in tradition and will be ready to play when it hits the field Friday night," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "They are very well coached, have a number of very talented running backs, led by Devans Skanes, and know what it takes to win. Brantley will be as good as any team on our schedule regardless of class, and there is no doubt we will have our hands full Friday night."

The Bulldogs have compiled a 49-14 record over the past five years under the direction of former Elba head coach David Lowery, and many expect the Bulldoggs to challenge for the JA state title again this season.

"We're going to run the ball and will be looking to get it on the right side," said Lowery. "We open up with Elba as we have been for the last couple of years. It is a big game because of the closeness of the schools and they are a lot bigger school. We want to get off on the right track."

Brantley should have won the state championship last season, but will be looking to get started off on the right step Friday night against us," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Everyone knows they have the top program in the state in JA

rankings, and it will be a tremendous challenge for our young men when we line up against them. If we are going to be successful Friday night, we will have to cut down on turnovers from the week before in the game against Highland Home. We didn't execute as well as we will have to this week and must protect the football. On defense we will definitely have to tackle better than we did in the pre-season game and must be consistent. We didn't spend a lot of time on defense in summer workouts and it showed last

"We have a really good group of seniors," stated Coach Lowery in a pre-season public address. "There's not many of them and there's not many juniors, but they are a really good group and have stepped up. They are doing the little things they need to do."

On offense, Brantley is expected to run out of a one back set, led by All-State running back Devans Skanes and sophomore speedster Chris Booker. Skanes gained 1,636 yards on 177 carries and scored 27 touchdowns in leading the Bulldogs to a 12-1 record last season, while Booker may be even faster than Skanes and should give the Dogs a potent 1-2 punch out of the backfield.

"We are going to run some one back and we'll run some two back stuff," added Coach Lowery. "We are going to try to throw the short passes like we did last year and hopefully gain

"The announcement last week that Legion Field's upper deck had been declared unsafe laid to rest for the stadium's once proud declaration that it was the "Football Capitol of the South." Legion Field hosted many major events over the years, including countless Iron Bowl games, the SEC football championship game and even the Olympic trials in soccer. That is now only a memory, and unless funds are found to rework the stadium, it one day soon may be simply a memory.

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# SPORTS



**ELBA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS IN KINSTON TOURNAMENT.** Both the Elba Tiger varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams will be in action this weekend at the Kinston Set-Off Volleyball Tournament, to be held at the Kinston High School gym. Both teams will open play on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. (In the photo above (l-r) Mallory Allen and Ashleigh Waddell await a serve in action from last season.)

## Will Mack makes successful return to racing action at South Alabama Speedway in Kinston

By Mark Chisum

Last season at South Alabama Speedway, Will Mack won often in the Roadrunner class. Mack decided to move up to the Street Stock class for the 2004, but delays in finishing the new car pushed his initial Street Stock start back. Mack finally made that first start Saturday night, and after 25 laps, looked right at home in Victory Lane.

Harold Hurt took the lead to begin the 25-lap feature. Mack followed Derek Deese through the field, moving into third on lap nine. Mack moved to the outside of Hurt completing the pass to the lead out of turn four. Once in front, Mack was able to maintain a comfortable lead over Deese for the remainder of the race. Deese was four car lengths back at the checkered flag. Sam Smith finished third, followed by Gary Morse and Charles Cotton.

Scotty Anderson captured his 11th Super Stock Feature win of 2004. Anderson, starting on the pole, led all 25 laps to take the win. Andy Pugh, starting in the rear, moved into second by lap four, but then Anderson had already checked out. Pugh spent the rest of the race chasing Anderson, but never made a serious bid for the lead. The best battle of the race was for third. Greg Rabern and David Ashley fought all race for the spot, many times side by side. Rabern eventually won the position. Jerry Weatherington was right behind them in fifth.

In the Vintage Feature, Ted Shores took the lead on lap 15 and went on to win. Jason Windham took the early lead before Duane Bates took over on lap three. Shores ran Bates down and challenged for the top spot for several laps. Finally, on lap 14, Shores got the inside position on Bates and took the lead as they exited turn two. Bates was able to stay close, but Shores led him to the checkers by a car length. Teddy Sasser was in the lead mix for a while, but faded back in third. Jesse Smith was fourth and O.E. Moon fifth.

Kevin Peel picked up his seventh Modified Feature win. Jamie Ater took the early lead while Peel was coming through the pack. Peel moved into third on lap four and began to challenge Ater for the lead. Ater was able to hold off Peel's advancement for several laps. Peel finally went to the outside of

Ater to take the lead on lap 17. Peel led the remaining nine laps to take his latest win. Ken Gibson finished third with Jeff Darby fourth, and Randy

## New Brockton Gamecocks prepare for battle against Zion Chapel Rebels in cross-county clash

One team looking to turn things around and another looking to continue its recent winning ways will butt heads Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack, when the Zion Chapel Rebels host the New Brockton Gamecocks in a cross-county grudge match.

The Rebels struggled to a 1-9 record a year ago and will be under the direction of second-year head coach Harry Lees, while the Gamecocks posted a 6-4 slate in 2003 and are once again under the guidance of veteran coach Shannon Clark.

"We had good support last year and our kids have worked hard," stated Coach Lees in a

recent preseason publication. "Everything started to come together over the summer and I got the young kids out that want to be a part of Zion Chapel football. Hopefully that will pay off this year."

The Rebels will kick off the season with 23 varsity players, including 10 starters on offense and 9 on defense. On offense, Zion Chapel will be led up front by junior guard D.J. Stinson and senior center William McCurdy, while in the backfield junior quarterback Abe Childs will run the Rebel's triple-option attack.

Senior running backs Michael Sned and Charlie Hurd will carry the load on the ground,

and when the Rebels do go to the airways the top receiver will be Austin Smith, who last season caught 8 touchdown passes, and our kids are hungry like a lot of teams on our schedule and right now I don't think we are. I am looking for something positive to go with and we have to find it soon."

The Gamecocks will continue to operate out of the wing-t offense and will be led by a trio of returning starters in the offensive line and their returning center. Quarterback Back to be a part of Zion Chapel and be in a dogfight," said Coach Shannon Clark in a preseason publication. "Zion Chapel is hungry like a lot of teams on our schedule and right now I don't think we are. I am looking for something positive to go with and we have to find it soon."

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**Kinston Bulldogs hope to avoid sting of Hornets in visit to Bullock County for season opening game**

The Kinston Bulldogs will kick off the 2004 high school football season on Friday night when they make the long trip to Union Springs to tangle with the Bullock County Hornets.

It will be the first meeting ever for the two teams on the gridiron, and the 4A Hornets will provide a stern test for the 1A Bulldogs. "We have had our ups and downs this pre-season," stated Coach Larry Coney in a preseason publication, "but overall I am pleased. I think I have driven too much for perfection and I must realize that we are mostly an inexperienced team."

The loss of 27 seniors over a two-year span resulted in a 3-6 record a year ago, and added to the losses was that of head coach Gary Clark, who left the coaching ranks to enter administration at New Brodhead.

The Bulldogs will return 5 starters on both offense and defense, but only five seniors are on the 29-man squad, and Coach Coney must rebuild in a hurry if Kinston hopes to improve on last season's record.

Leading the way on offense will be junior quarterback Garret Parker (165), while in the backfield senior Cole Meeks (210) and junior Keith Tew (180) will be asked to help carry the load. Seniors Billy Johnson (185) and Dustin Hanks (200) will lead the charge in the offensive line, and will get help from junior Joseph McCrummen (175) and freshman Lee McCrummen (165).

"We will have to be in great physical shape because all our kids will be asked to play many different facets of the game," added Coach Coney, who was an assistant for five years at Kinston before taking over the head coaching position. "We must limit our mistakes and play with intensity to have a chance to be successful."

## Hunter Education courses being held across area

**Hunters Education courses have been set for area locations during the months of August, September, October, and November, 2004, and all hunters are encouraged to attend these courses to become better and safer hunters.**

Following are sites and dates in the area:

### COFFEE COUNTY

Sept. 1-2-3; 5:30 - 9:00; Coffey

### COVINGTON COUNTY

Aug. 30-31; Sept. 2; 5:30 - 9:00;

### ANDALUSIA COUNTY

Sept. 18; Field Day; 8:00;

### ANDALUSIA COUNTY

Oct. 11-12; 4:15 - 9:30;

### ANDALUSIA COUNTY

Nov. 15-16; 6:00 - 9:30;

### LBW-OPP.

Sept. 18; 5:30 - 9:00; LBW-OPP.

### CRENSHAW COUNTY

Aug. 23-24; 6:00 - 9:30;

### CRENSHAW COUNTY

Sept. 10; Robert Colvin

### CRENSHAW COUNTY

Nov. 1-2; 6:00 - 9:30;

### CRENSHAW COUNTY

Sept. 27; 6:00 - 9:30;

### GENEVA COUNTY

Sept. 11-12; 6:00 - 9:00; Geneva

### GENEVA COUNTY

High School; 347-9467

### PIKE COUNTY

Aug. 24-25-26; 6:00 - 9:30;

### PIKE COUNTY

Troy Wal-Mart; 566-9615

### PIKE COUNTY

Nov. 8-9-10; 6:00 - 9:30;

### PIKE COUNTY

Swindell RV Park; 222-5415

## SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE!!



**The Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders and mascot are ready to cheer the Bulldogs to a winning season beginning Friday night when the IA team tangles with the 4A Bullock County Hornets.**

Kinston on offense against the Houston County Lions.

Fumbles ended the first two drives, and they were forced to punt on their last possession. On defense, Barbour County could do no better containing the Wicksburg offense as the Panthers added three more touchdowns.

Kinston moved back to defense for the fourth quarter as they faced the Houston County offense, and the Bulldogs were this time able to keep the Lions from scoring.

Garret Parker intercepted a pass, and the Lions twice turned the ball over on downs.

Barbour County's Darius Kennedy rushed for his second touchdown of the game to yield a final score of 56-12 in favor of the Houston County/Wicksburg teams.

The Kinston Bulldogs will begin the 2004 regular season Friday night, Aug. 27, when they travel to Union Springs to take on the 4A Bullock County Hornets.



**The Kinston Bulldog offense was able to move the ball late in the first half last Friday evening, July 20, during a 4-team game where the Bulldogs partnered with the Barbour County Jaguars to take on the Houston County Lions and Wicksburg Panthers. Although the Bulldog/Jaguar attack was not enough to overcome the Lion/Panther teams, the Bulldogs are hoping to have a much bigger bark this Friday night when they open the regular season against the 4A Bullock County Hornets.**

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